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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Arising out of the figures supplied by the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry, may I know whether he is aware of the fact that the amount spent on maintaining this Veterinary Dispensary is not commensurate with the number of animals treated therein? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" No, Sir. The amount spent is only Rs. 5,000 and in the opinion of the Government, it is worth spending on that account."

Forest Guards with S.S.L.C. qualification.

* 346 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of Forest guards who have passed the S.S.L.C. examination in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Twenty-nine Forest guards have passed the S.S.L.C. examination.

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" At the time when the candidates concerned were appointed to the posts of Forest guards, they were given the promise that they would be promoted as Foresters. Why have the Government failed so far to promote them as Foresters while, on the other hand, they have promoted as Foresters those who have not passed the S.S.L.C. examination? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Is it not fair on the part of the Government to promote these S.S.L.C. passed candidates from the post of Forest Guards to that of Foresters? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" This supplementary question was put by the previous questioner also."

Tapping of ' Neera ' from coconut trees.

* 347 *Q.*—SRI T. S. ARDHANARI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state the districts permitted to tap ' Neera ' from coconut trees? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" The tapping of coconut trees for sweet toddy for the manufacture of jaggery has been permitted in such of the areas of Coimbatore, Malabar and South Kanara districts where there is real demand from the tappers for such tapping and where such concession will not hamper the normal working of the Prohibition Act."

SRI T. S. ARDHANARI:—" சேலம் ஜில்லாவில் பதனி விற்பதற்கு அனுமதி அளிக்கவேண்டுமென்று சேலம் மதுவிலக்கு கமிட்டி அனுப்பிய தீர்மாணம் சர்க்காருக்குக் கிடைத்ததா ? கிடைத்தால் அதன்பேரில் சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துககொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" A separate question may be given notice of."

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SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI : —" ஏழைகளின் உணவு பதனீர். அவர்கள் அதை ஏராளமாக வாங்கி சாப்பிடத் தயாராக இருக்கிறார்கள். இந்த நிலைமையில் தாராளமாக licence வழங்குவதற்கு என் தயங்கவேண்டும் ? தயங்காமல் licence வழங்குவதற்கு நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படுமா ? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" The Government will have no objection to issue licences if the hon. Member will stand surety for the individual's respect and responsibility." (Laughter.)

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. the Minister for Prohibition was just now saying that permits were given to tap neera (sweet toddy) in Malabar also. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state at least one place where permit was given to tap neera, that is, for drinking, and not for manufacturing jaggery? In that sense, is there any place in Malabar where permit for tapping neera was given? As far as my information goes, no such permit was given."

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" The presumption of the hon. Member is quite correct, Sir. No permit was given in the Malabar district for tapping of neera to be used as beverage."

Assignment of poramboke lands close to village sites.

* 348 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state how poramboke lands lying close to village sites are dealt with in the matter of assignment according to G.O. No. 1523, Revenue, dated 11th June 1949?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " Porambokes are normally not assigned. If porambokes close to village sites are in excess of requirement of the communal purpose for which they were set apart, the excess is utilized for other communal purposes. If there is still any excess, it may be assigned if there are no other lands available for assignment in the taluk."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" What are the communal purposes for which these porambokes are intended? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" For grazing, cattle-stand and for so many other purposes. I think the hon. Member also knows about it."

Stationing of fire engines in South Arcot district.

* 349 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal for stationing fire engines in each of the taluks of South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government have no such proposal at present."